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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, First Floor, Administration Building
on Friday, 21 July 1950, at 1430 hours

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director
of Central Intelligence, in the Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fisher Howe, acting for Special Assistant,
Intelligence, Department of State
Major General S. LeRoy Irwin, Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence
Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic
Energy Commission
Brigadier General Vernon E. Megee, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
25X1A [REDACTED], acting for Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Prescott Childs, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Colonel Hamilton Howze, Department of the Army
Captain John M. Ocker, USN, Department of the Navy
Lieut. Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Colonel H. H. Bassett, The Joint Staff
25X1A [REDACTED] Federal Bureau of Investigation
[REDACTED] Central Intelligence Agency
[REDACTED], USN, Central Intelligence Agency
[REDACTED], Central Intelligence Agency
Lieut. Colonel Thomas J. Grant, Department of the Air Force
Captain Richard O. Olney, Department of the Air Force
Dr. Horace A. Craig, The Joint Staff

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MINUTES OF THE IAC MEETING - 21 July 1950

1. There was no formal agenda for this meeting.

I. OBTAINING FROM HICOG THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY GERMAN SCIENTISTS UNDER CONTROL LAW NO. 23

2. THE DCI opened the meeting by bringing up the request from the military intelligence agencies that the reports in question be made available to them. He asked Mr. Howe if he had anything to say in the matter.

3. MR. HOWE said that the State Department had already communicated with HICOG in response to a decision of the Scientific Intelligence Committee. The Department felt that the reports should be made available but did not wish to give HICOG an arbitrary order. Inquiry had been made, therefore, to determine HICOG's position. No reply had yet come in.

4. There followed a discussion concerning the possible reasons why the reports had been withheld.

5. THE DCI suggested that the IAC await HICOG's reply.

6. Action: All agreed with the DCI's suggestion.

II. CRITICAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

7. THE DCI next invited discussion concerning the proposal of the military intelligence agencies to establish an overall list of critical national intelligence objectives to include the already established military list. He asked General Cabell if he wished to begin the discussion.

8. GENERAL CABELL said the concept of the proposal was that, if such a list were useful to the military intelligence agencies, an augmented list should prove useful to all the IAC agencies. He stated that he agreed with the State Department response to the proposal.

9. THE DCI said he thought the State proposal very good. He went on to say that he did not think it necessary to refer the list when completed to the NSC, and expressed his doubt that the objectives

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could be arranged in absolute priority order. He suggested the possibility of having a committee work on the list.

10. ADMIRAL JOHNSON stressed that the military were already in agreement on their list. All that was needed was the integration of non-military objectives. He agreed that the completed augmented list need not go to the NSC. He thought rather that the list might be published as an interagency operating procedure which could be amended by the IAC without recourse elsewhere.

11. GENERAL CABELL said that he held no brief as to the form in which the list should be published. In reply to a question from MR. CHILDS he explained that the list would be not only a collection guide, but a production guide as well.

12. There followed a discussion as to how to go about formulating the augmented list, during which MR. HOWE stressed that he thought the list should deal with the intentions of the Russians as well as their capabilities, and should consider collection capabilities.

13. GENERAL CABELL thought the matter should be referred to the Standing Committee; THE DCI agreed.

14. There followed some discussion concerning intentions versus capabilities, which reached no conclusion.

15. Action: All agreed to refer the matter to the Standing Committee.

III. INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS AND MOBILIZATION

16. THE DCI referred to the recent recommendation, addressed by USCIB to the NSC, that AFSA be augmented. The Executive Secretary of the NSC had asked if the DCI had any recommendations concerning the USCIB communication.

17. GENERAL IRWIN thought that the NSC should be advised that all intelligence activities should be put in a state of pre-mobilization.

18. There was general discussion about the AFSA augmentation,

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during which all expressed their agreement with General Irwin.

19. THE DCI stated that he would have a letter drawn up in accordance with General Irwin's suggestion, and would circulate it to the IAC members for concurrence before its dispatch.

20. There followed considerable discussion of personnel problems.

21. Action: All took note of the statement of the DCI concerning the preparation of a letter.

22. The meeting adjourned.

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